

Minutes

Asheville City Council - Public Safety Committee
January 9, 2007 – 7 to 8:10 a.m.
Fourth Floor Municipal Building Training Room
“Operationally Aware – Policy Focused”

Present: Council Members: Dr. Carl Mumpower, Chair; Jan Davis
Staff: Jeff Richardson, William Hogan; Gary Cornett, Greg Grayson,
Scott Burnette
Guests: Jonathan Feldman, Information Services

- **Approval of December Minutes**
 - The minutes of the December meeting were approved.
- **E-Citation Technology Update**
 - There were 4 closed APD projects in 2006. These projects provided accountability features, 21% alarm reduction, saved significant officer time and provided better public safety officer safety.
 - 3 projects in 2007 have high priority – E-Citation, DA Papering and Crime Mapper. E-Citation has an estimated completion date of April 2007.
 - Committee supportive of the E-Citation project status.
- **Update on Housing Authority Enforcement Initiatives and Performance Data**
 - A reduction seen in the number of felony drug arrests due to 3 strikes rule and that violators are going to federal prison.
 - Drugs are throughout the City, not just in public housing. Chief Hogan is disappointed in the judicial system because violators are arrested and then they are back on the streets again.
 - The Police Department regularly meets with Public Housing authorities to address problems in public housing.
 - Problem areas have been brought forward to the police department by Dr. Mumpower and the department will address these and report back to the committee.
- **Future Strategies Analysis on Public Housing**
 - Chief Hogan gave presentation on future analysis and plans. Workload studies for Criminal Investigation Division and Patrol Division will be conducted. Additional beats, public housing task force, police housing authority unit, downtown police unit and traffic safety unit are being examined. Drug enforcement issues are important not only to council but to police department also.
 - Chief Hogan and Jeff Richardson will work on more aggressive and intense performance benchmarks and refine data for not only the committee but for the upcoming budget process.
 - Committee Chair Dr. Mumpower shared concerns he had about the effectiveness and enthusiasm with which our city and police administration is addressing the open air drug market
- **Status of AFR Fleet**
 - Postponed until February meeting

- **Update on Internet Child Pornography**
 - Postponed until February meeting
- **Public Comment**
 - There was no public comment.
- **Meeting Adjournment**
 - The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.
- **Next Meeting**
 - Tuesday, February 6, Municipal Building – 7:00 to 8:00 a.m.